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ANGELO DiSTEFANO

APRIL 30, 1970.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2526]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 2526) for the relief of Angelo DiStefano, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Angelo DiStefano. The bill provides for the payment of the required visa fee and for an appropriate visa number deduction.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 45-year-old native and citizen of Italy who entered the United States on October 3, 1966, at New York as a visitor. His wife and four minor children reside in Italy. He presently resides in Brooklyn where he is employed as a cabinetmaker. A sixth-preference petition filed in his behalf by his employer on March 3, 1967, has been approved.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated October 29, 1969, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the bill reads as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., October 29, 1969.

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HON. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 2526) for the relief of Angelo DiStefano, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill would grant the beneficiary permanent residence in the United States as of the date of its enactment upon payment of the required visa fee. It would also direct that a visa number deduction be made.

The beneficiary, a native of Italy, is chargeable to the sixth-preference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants from countries in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND F. FARRELL, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE S. 2526

The beneficiary, Angelo DiStefano, a native citizen of Italy, was born on January 25, 1925. He completed 5 years of school in his homeland. The beneficiary was married on September 9, 1950, to the former Rosaria Monterosso, also a native of Italy. She resides in that country with their four minor children and Mr. DiStefano makes periodic remittances toward their support. The beneficiary lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he is employed as a cabinetmaker, earning \$145 a week. His assets are of only nominal value. Mr. DiStefano's parents and a sister reside in Italy. Another sister lives in Canada.

The beneficiary arrived in the United States at New York on October 3, 1966, and was admitted until January 3, 1967, as a visitor for pleasure. He was thereafter authorized to remain until June 25, 1967. Deportation proceedings were instituted on the ground that he had remained in this country for a longer time than permitted. After a hearing, he was found deportable as charged and was granted the privilege of voluntary departure with the alternative of deportation if he should fail to depart when required. Upon his failure to leave, a warrant of deportation was issued on July 23, 1968.

A petition to accord the beneficiary sixth-preference classification, filed in his behalf on March 3, 1967, has been approved. However, a visa number is not available at this time.

Angelo DiStefano is also the beneficiary of pending private bill H.R. 4534. He was previously the beneficiary of H.R. 18185, 90th Congress, which was not enacted.

Senator Birch Bayh, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C., January 5, 1970.

JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR JIM: In response to your request for additional information about Mr. Angelo DiStefano, a bill (S. 2526) for whose relief I introduced on July 1, 1969, I am pleased to submit the enclosed record. You will note that these letters, which are from such substantial citizens as the assistant pastor of his parish, the secretary-treasurer of the furniture company by whom he is employed, the minority leader of the New York City Council, and a well known lawyer and businessman, all certify without hesitation to Mr. DiStefano's qualification for permanent residence.

Now that departmental reports have been received on this matter, I hope the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and the Judiciary Committee will be able to consider this bill on its merits in the near future. I would appreciate very much your courtesy in bringing this matter to the attention of the subcommittee.

With kindest personal regards,

BIRCH BAYH,
United States Senator.

IN RE: ANGELO DI STEFANO

1. Date and place of the alien's entry into the United States: October 23, 1966, New York, N.Y.
2. Immigration status: Nonimmigrant visitor for pleasure.
3. Age: 42 years.
4. Place of birth: Sambuca di Sicilia, Agrigento, Italy.
5. Address in the United States: 1482 De Kalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6. Location of U.S. Consulate at which visa was obtained: Palermo, Sicily, Italy.

NEW YORK, N.Y., *December 11, 1969.*

HON. BIRCH BAYH,
U.S. Senator,
Committee on the Judiciary,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR BIRCH: For the past year or so I have come to meet Mr. Angelo DiStefano, who is employed by dear friends of mine, namely, Vascimini Bros. Inc.

Vascimini Bros. Inc. have been doing work at my home, and I have gotten to know them well. During the course of the work being done, I had the opportunity of meeting Mr. DiStefano; he seems to be a man of fine character, industrious, and a perfect gentleman.

Mr. DiStefano's employers advise me that they not only need him badly for their business, but that he is a man of high moral standards.

I join with Mr. DiStefano's employer and his friends in recommending him to be permitted to become a permanent resident of our country.

I am certain he will make a fine citizen.

With kind regards,

HARRIS J. KLEIN,
Attorney at Law.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
New York, N.Y., December 10, 1969.

HON. BIRCH BAYH,
*U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR BAYH: I have known Mr. Angelo DiStefano who resides at 1482 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., for little over 2 years. During that time, I have personally observed Mr. DiStefano to be a man of clean habits and fine ideals. His employers, Vascimini Bros. Inc., inform me that they have the utmost respect for his ability and integrity.

I recommend Mr. DiStefano to you, without reservation, as a man in whom complete confidence can be placed. If he becomes a permanent resident of the United States, he will measure up fully to our highest tradition.

Sincerely,

ANGELO J. ARCULEO,
Minority Leader.

ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH,
Brooklyn, N.Y., December 2, 1969.

To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Angelo DiStefano is a member of our parish, living at 1482 De Kalb Avenue in Brooklyn, N.Y.

To the best of our knowledge, Mr. DiStefano is of upright moral character. He has shown himself to be an able worker for the Vascimini Bros. He desires to settle here in the States and become a good citizen, an asset in our community.

Because of his good qualities and good will, we recommend that he be given this opportunity to remain in our country on a permanent basis.

With all best wishes,
Sincerely,

REV. JOSEPH DE SIMPLICIIS,
Assistant-Pastor.

VASCIMINI BROS. INC.,
Brooklyn, N.Y., December 10, 1969.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that Angelo Di Stefano has been employed by our firm since February 1967 as a furniture designer and cabinetmaker, at prevailing rates as contained in labor clearance issued January 1967.

Our organization is engaged in the design and manufacture of fine custom made furniture. The trade has been handed down from generation to generation in our family here in the United States and before that in Italy. The name has always enjoyed the reputation of fine craftsmanship in the design and manufacture of authentic reproductions of period furniture and restoration of antique furniture.

Mr. Di Stefano has become a most important and valuable employee performing this rare art. He possesses the skill and knowledge to prepare and interpret furniture renderings and blueprints, and carve, shape, and assemble a piece of furniture from the raw wood to the finished product. This skill also extends to the design and reproduction of furniture in the various periods, that is, antique, traditional, Louis XV, and so forth.

This highly skilled wood carving cabinetmaker art cannot be found in the contemporary American labor market. The cessation of Mr. Di Stefano's employment without any foreseeable opportunity of replacing him with someone of commensurate skill, would place our business in serious jeopardy.

During Mr. Di Stefano's employment we have found him to be absolutely trustworthy and highly cooperative. He has been an energetic and enthusiastic worker who stimulates those who work with him.

We most respectfully request that Mr. Di Stefano's alien status be legally adjusted so that he can remain in the United States as a permanent resident.

Very truly yours,

PASQUALE VASCIMINI,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 2526) should be enacted.

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